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RADIOPHONE COMPANY TO START HERE

COMMERCIAL RADIOPHONE CO.
WILL OPEN AN EXCLUSIVE
RADIO STORE IN ALMA.

Erect Broadcasting Station Here Soon

The Commercial Radiophone Company has been organized in this city and will open in Alma the first exclusive radio store in this part of the state for the handling of all radio supplies and the sale and the installation of complete radio receiving outfits.

The Commercial Radio Company will not only be distributors of radio supplies in this vicinity, but is also planning on manufacturing parts to some extent and making material for sets. To what extent these parts and supplies will be manufactured here in Alma will depend probably upon the success with which the new concern meets. Material and supplies for the store which is to be opened on Superior street very soon have been purchased in Chicago and Detroit and is expected to arrive here within the next few days.

J. L. Walker of Ann Arbor, a radio engineer with eight years experience in reception and transmission, has been secured by the new concern to take active charge of installation, etc. He will come to Alma with flattering recommendations in this line of work.

The Commercial Radiophone Company intends to erect a broadcasting station in Alma, using a set that has been used in Ann Arbor for experimental work, and which has received replies from a 1,000 mile radius. The company has already secured its license from the government for this purpose. Market reports, weather reports, baseball returns, etc., will be available from the broadcasting station after it is installed.

The concern is also planning, when it gets under way, on establishing a school of instruction in the evenings, which will include instruction in the making of sets for the benefit of those who desire to make their own radio outfits.

The store will be under the management of D. B. Smith, who for the past several years has been connected with the sales department of The Republic Motor Truck Company Inc., and later with the same department with The Ruggles Truck Company of Saginaw.

HIGH SCHOOLERS LOST AT OWOSSO

SEVENTH DEBATE PROVES THE WATERLOO FOR ALMA DE- BATING TEAM.

The formerly undefeated Alma high debating team met defeat at Owosso last Friday afternoon. The vote of the judges was 3 to 0 against the local team.

The Alma team showed probably the poorest form since the first of the season at a time when their best efforts were needed to win. It seemed to be an off day for the entire team. Owosso, although they were probably surpassed in argument, had excellent delivery and merited the vote of the judges. The debate was close, however, one judge placing his estimate at 76 to 74 in favor of Owosso.

The defeat places Alma out of the running for the state cup and leaves Owosso one of eight schools who are yet eligible for the championship. Coach Van Hoesen and his team—John Holmes, Dare Strong and Elliot Crooks—are to be congratulated, for they have gone farther in the league than any of their predecessors. Their record of six victories in seven debates is enviable and has not been duplicated in many schools in the state.

OBITUARY

Julius William Koehn, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Koehn, born December 26, 1921, died at the home of his parents April 10, 1922, at Flint. The body was brought to Alma and funeral held Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stimson, 504 Bridge street, Rev. Shouffer officiating. Interment was made in Riverside cemetery.

Don't let that sour stomach sour your disposition and make your life miserable, while Tanlac is ready to give you relief. Get it now. Look-Paterson Drug Co.—advertisement

Appreciation Week of Furnace Company

The tremendous good-will that has been established by the Holland Furnace Company for its product is being powerfully voiced just at this time. Probably not a reader of this paper has failed to see the placards on houses in this city where Holland furnaces have been installed, placed there by P. L. Blanchard, branch manager.

This is Holland Furnace Company's "Appreciation Week" and all over the central states the Holland house cards are to be seen just as they are here. Countless thousands of houses will thus be labeled as cozy, worth-while homes.

In connection with their "Appreciation Week" campaign, the Holland Furnace Company is going to clean and inspect every furnace they have installed, free of charge. It has been announced in full pages of great metropolitan papers that go into nearly three million homes.

This is all a very graphic illustration of the power of good-will. What can possibly be worth as much in business as pleased customers?

Have Rudeck's Big 3-ton truck do your short and long distance moving. Call 671.—advertisement

A. F. CRAWFORD WAS SENTENCED

GIVEN 1 TO 20 YEARS AT IONIA
WITH A RECOMMENDATION
OF 2 1/2 YEARS' TIME.

Alfred F. Crawford must pay the penalty for the crime of which he was convicted in circuit court, this being made certain when the Michigan Supreme Court sustained the conviction of the lower court. Real certainty was made last Friday morning when Judge Hart of Midland, sitting in the Gratiot court, sentenced the Breckenridge man to from one to twenty years at Ionia with a recommendation of two and one-half years, bringing to a close one of the most noted cases that has been in the Gratiot court in recent years, noted because of the high standing and political influence of Crawford, which created a great interest in the case, which started when Leo Kalahar, state bank examiner, caused the arrest of Crawford last spring on a charge of embezzlement of the funds of the First State Bank of Breckenridge, of which Crawford was at that time cashier.

Crawford was arrested in February of 1921, following an exhaustive audit of the books of the First State Bank of Breckenridge by Chief Deputy Bank Examiner Conway and Leo P. Kalahar, examiner, of the state banking department, during which time the bank examiners alleged that they had found shortages in the books of the company, the largest single item of which was said to have been about \$2,000. It is understood that the shortages uncovered totaled over \$40,000. Crawford was arrested on a warrant which charged the embezzlement of the largest single item, and was immediately arraigned and gave bail of \$5,000.

At his trial, which took place in June of last year, Crawford was found guilty. The defense immediately filed an appeal to the supreme court and asked for a stay of sentence until the higher court reviewed the evidence.

About two weeks ago the supreme court handed out its decision in the case, sustaining the verdict of guilty returned before Judge Hart of Midland, who heard the case in the Gratiot court.

Following the supreme court decision petitions were gotten out in Breckenridge, his home city, where he had lived for a quarter of a century, addressed to the court, one petition asking leniency for Crawford, and the other against him, giving evidence of the extreme interest that the case of this influential Gratiot resident and well known politician had created.

To the many friends of Crawford, and former business associates who were in the court room when he was sentenced, Friday, the man was a pathetic sight, his face more deeply wrinkled than before, and the droop of his shoulders giving mute evidence of the suffering that he had been undergoing during the past year, which had aged him considerably.

CHANGE OF DATE

The Frances Willard Union will meet at the home of Mrs. Fowler, 518 West Center street, Thursday, April 20, at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. McGee of Owosso, district president, will be with us to report on the convention which recently convened in Detroit. Delegates will also be appointed to attend the county convention to be held at Saures on April 27 and 28. A good attendance is requested, as the meeting promises to be one of especial interest and importance.

Easter

THE meaning of Easter and its message of joy, the revival of hope and the buoyant renewal of our aspiration come to an old and tired world this morning and pervade our lives even as the springtide floods and fills the meadows with her everlasting miracle.

BY AN irresistible human impulse, we seek out our finest and most fashionable raiment, and that impulse is parallel to the natural processes in the world about us. If the earth can put off her drab habiliments of winter and forget the somber, sunless hours, so can the children of earth. In every life today there may be a resurrection from the dead. In every life old things may be discarded. He has not caught the spirit of the festal celebration who is not stirred to a renewal and is not moved to forsake the darkness and give welcome to the light.

IT IS more than a church festival. Believer and unbeliever together share the influences of the day. In each of us, whatever creed we formally profess, there dwells the feeling that the day betokens. It is the assurance that life is worth the living and that love can never lose its own. We stand today not at the brink of a tomb but on the threshold of this eternal life and of this love immortal.

WHEEL COMPANY MANAGER DIES

A. C. CHAPMAN DIED SUDDENLY
AT AN EARLY HOUR THIS
MORNING.

A. C. Chapman, manager of the Northern Wheel Company of this city, died suddenly at an early hour this morning, at the Wright House, where he has been living since coming to Alma a year ago last December to assume the management of the wheel company. The body was removed to a local undertaking establishment. He was about 55 years of age.

Up to the time of going to press funeral arrangements had not been made. Mr. Chapman was well known in Michigan industrial circles, and had been the manager of several well known Michigan concerns. Before coming to Alma to assume the management of the Northern Wheel Co. he was with the Michigan Hearse and Motor Company of Grand Rapids for some years as manager. He was also the manager of a large factory at Jonesville for some years.

The Northern Wheel Company was organized just before the country-wide depression came and swinging into business just at that time, it was hit hard and in November and December of 1920 the company practically ceased operations. Mr. Chapman was at that time secured as the manager of the company, and coming to Alma he made a thorough study of the factory and the conditions of manufacture and in January, 1921, started production, and with a bulldog tenacity the management went after the various troubles in manufacture and in finance and gradually overcame them and the concern gradually increased its production until last month, when the Northern Wheel Company did the largest month's business in its history. Much of the success of the wheel company since January, 1921, is credited to the able management of Mr. Chapman. Seemingly during the past two or three months, the company has been on the high road to prosperity, having overcome practically all of the various troubles and ailments with which the new concern, started under a period of business depression, has been confronted.

WILL DISPLAY HARVESTER
Arthur Lippert, inventor of the Acme Beet Harvester, has made arrangements to display the Acme Harvester, which is being manufactured by the Acme Beet Harvester Company, in the lobby of the Idlehour theatre for a week. Those interested in the Acme Harvester may see it at that place and secure information relative to this new machine.

TURN CLOCKS HOUR AHEAD ON SATURDAY

The city commission recently voted to adopt Eastern Standard Time for the summer months, and it is to go into effect in Alma at midnight Saturday. Residents of the city should remember to turn their clocks ahead one hour on going to bed Saturday night. Otherwise they will be an hour behind time Sunday, and will be late for church services or at any other event they may be planning on attending.

During the summer months Eastern Standard Time will be the official time in Alma by action of the city commission and will be used by the city and all factories and stores of the community.

Dressmaking and Millinery Shop

Mrs. DeWitt Vought and Iva Spaulding have secured several rooms on the second floor of the Merchants Building Company block on West Superior street over the G. V. Wright furniture store, and expect to open a modern millinery shop and dressmaking establishment there.

The rooms for the new enterprise have been entirely redecorated during the past few days, and furniture and fixtures needed in the business are being put in place, and promise to make the rooms more than ordinarily attractive.

Iva Spaulding has had considerable experience in the millinery business in recent years. Mrs. Vought is a well known Alma dressmaker. With each experienced and well versed in their callings they have every expectation of making a success of the venture.

The Toggery Is Open to Public

The Toggery Shop, owned by Ralph Wheaton and Company, which recently secured the west room of the Economy Shoe store, has been opened to the public, and Manager Wheaton feels that he is in a position to give his patrons real service.

The store room was completely redecorated for the business, and new show cases and store furniture installed, giving the place the appearance of a modern haberdashery. A complete new stock of goods has been purchased, most of which has arrived, choice styles from which are being displayed in the display window and in the store.

There have been lots of Easters for 1900 years, and chances are there will be more the way it now appears. But there never have been Easter values to equal the Silk Knit Sweaters for \$5.95, on sale at D. W. Robinson's, Alma.—advertisement

Silk Hose at Baker's only \$1.39 per pair.—advertisement 47-2

COMMITTEES OF C. OF C. NAMED

JUDGE MOINET UNABLE TO BE
AT WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON
AS EXPECTED.

One of the smallest crowds that has attended a Chamber of Commerce noon day luncheon in some weeks, but which even then numbered over eighty business and professional men of the city was at yesterday's luncheon at the city hall.

As Judge Moinet had been called to Mt. Clemens to hear a case for the judge there, he was unable to be present at the meeting, which was turned into a free-for-all discussion regarding the payment of dues, etc.

Several members of the organization, principally H. S. Babcock, W. W. Cushing, W. S. Proud, J. L. Winslow, Dr. Pringle, Clarence Miller, J. D. Spinney and others spoke on the subject.

Before the discussion President Babcock named the committees for the coming year, in each case a chairman being appointed who is a member of the board of directors, this being done to insure someone being at the board meetings who will have a full knowledge of the work of each committee. The committees and the chairmen follow: Finance, W. S. Proud; Membership, Floyd Maxwell; Industrial, R. B. Wagner; Educational, C. G. Rhodes; Program, J. L. Winslow; Roads, Karl R. Adams; Social Service, Carl H. Washburn; Manufacturing, Glen Crisp; City Affairs, J. M. Montigel, Religious, W. L. Gelston; Farm Relations, Harry Gerber; Advertising, H. S. Babcock.

Firm Completes School at Edmore

The firm of Broughton & Son of this city has just recently completed a new \$100,000 school house at Edmore, which is three stories in height. The building is said to be one of the finest jobs of the kind that has been built in this part of the state in some time, although the work was done for the greater part during the winter months. The school board of that city is highly pleased with the work.

The new building is 124 by 126 feet and provides for 15 class and grade rooms, gymnasium, library, and a number of small rooms making a total of 34. The building is heated with steam. If the blackboards in the building were arranged in a continuous row, they would make 1-6 of a mile of blackboards.

Harold Broughton, the junior member of the firm, had direct charge of the construction of the school house.

For your Easter Candy Specialties, The DeLuxe.—advertisement 46-2w,

Several Deaths During Past Week

During the past week there have been several deaths of well known people in Alma and the surrounding territory.

Mrs. Ora Chapman, the wife of a well known Arcadia township farmer, died at a local hospital on Thursday, April 6, following an operation and illness of about three weeks, at the age of 45 years. She is survived by her husband, Ira, a daughter, a son, and other relatives. The funeral was held from the late home Saturday, Rev. W. M. Duffy of the M. E. church officiating.

William Eicher, 54 years of age, yard foreman at the Republic, died at his home at 212 West Center street following a several day's illness. He is survived by his wife and daughter. The funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 10:30 from the home under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. lodge. Rev. W. M. Duffy officiated. Interment was made at Fritz cemetery in Newark township.

Mrs. Jessie Fry, aged 53 years, the wife of E. E. Fry, of near Crystal, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Verne Beard, 206 Pleasant avenue, Thursday, April 6. The body was taken to Crystal, Monday, where the funeral was held.

HELMAN IS AGAIN BOARD CHAIRMAN

REPUBLICAN VOTES ON BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS AID IN
HIS ELECTION.

Jacob D. Helman, supervisor of the fourth ward of this city is again chairman of the board of supervisors of Gratiot County, having for a second time in the space of two years been elected to this position by votes of Republican members of the board. His re-election this year was somewhat of a surprise to Republicans of the county.

As was the case last year when Helman was elected, Jesse Fuller, supervisor of the first ward in Alma, was his opponent for the honor of being chairman, and after the contest of last year when Republican votes made Helman chairman, it was



JACOB D. HELMAN

expected that Fuller would be the choice this year. When the vote was taken among the board members, 15 of whom are Republicans and 10 of whom are Democrats, it was found that Helman was the winner 14 to 11.

The fourth ward supervisor made a good chairman last year, even his Republican opponents freely admit, and it is this fact that contributed largely to his re-election, some of the board members feeling that it was a matter of courtesy to him.

Lewis Wins in the Oratorical Contest

Phil Lewis of Alma High School romped off with the sub-district contest of the Michigan Interscholastic Oratorical League held at Owosso Friday evening with his oration, "The Hope of the World."

Participating in the contest were representatives of five different schools—Ithaca, St. Johns, Corunna, Laingsburg and Alma. It is worthy of note that all three judges on delivery gave the Alma representative first place and that the judges on thought and composition gave him a first and a second place, assuring him of such a high standing that there could be no question as to his superiority, making his victory an outstanding one.

The oration itself deals with the current severe criticism of the younger generation and attempts to point the way to a better understanding of the youth of the day.

The victory of Lewis in the sub-district contest qualifies him as an entrant in the district contest to be held either at Ann Arbor or at Howell the last Friday of the month. This will bring the Alma lad into a district which includes Detroit, Jackson, Lansing, and Battle Creek. There is a keen realization of the effort that must be put forth for this contest and Coach Barnhart and Lewis are already starting intensive training for the coming contest.

COUNTY LOSES GOOD OFFICER FROM TYPHOID

CHAS. L. HEISLER, REGISTER OF
DEEDS DIED AT ITHACA
ON FRIDAY.

May Designate Successor Today

Charles L. Heisler, register of deeds of Gratiot county for the past year, died at his home in Ithaca Friday following a two weeks' illness of typhoid fever. His death came as a shock to his many friends in every section of the county, as it was entirely unexpected, as it had been thought that he was convalescing from his illness.

During the past several years Mr. Heisler had been active in Republican politics in the county, having served as supervisor from New Haven township for several terms, prior to becoming the register of deeds of the county. Mr. Heisler was named as the register of deeds of Gratiot county immediately following the death of the late B. J. Tucker, April 22, 1921.

It is expected that the Board of Supervisors, which is in session this week, will make the selection of a successor to the late register of deeds today, giving Gratiot County her third register of deeds in the filling out of a single term in that office.

Charles L. Heisler was born in Ohio 61 years ago and at the age of 10 years came to Michigan with his parents, who located in Montcalm. Miss Emma Dickinson, three children being born to this union, who with the widow survive. Later Mr. and Mrs. Heisler moved to Gratiot county, settling on a farm in New Haven township. In Montcalm county he served for five years as the county drain commissioner, and the five years prior to his being named as register of deeds of Gratiot county, he served as a supervisor for New Haven township.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at the M. E. church in Ithaca, Rev. Dewey having charge of the services at the church. Masonic burial was held at the New Haven township cemetery.

COMMITTEES ARE SELECTED

CHAIRMAN HELMAN OF BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS HAS
NAMED THEM.

Chairman Helman of the Board of Supervisors has named the following committees:

Equalization—J. L. Smith, Cook, Wagner, McKay, Going, Coryell, Murphy.

Claims No. 1—Vanderbeck, Going, Palmer.

Claims No. 2—Long, Reed, Delling.

Claims No. 3 (Damage done by dogs)—Cobb, Derry, Coryell.

County Officers—Fuller, Mulholland, Hastings.

Ways and Means—Peach, J. D. Smith, Vanderbeck.

Taxation—Saad, Colbry, Coryell.

County Buildings—Murphy, Colbry, Benson.

Drains—Young, Curtiss, Cobb, Derry, Delling.

Roads and Bridges—Reed, Colbry, Coryell.

Fines—McKay, Hastings, Benson.

Salaries—Mulholland, Peach, J. L. Smith.

Printing—Going, Saad, Wagner.

Cancellation—J. D. Smith, Benson, Curtiss, Reed, Derry.

Resolutions—Cook, Fuller, Long.

Masonic Easter Service Sunday

Alma Lodge No. 244 F. & A. M. will hold an Easter program Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for the members and wives of the lodge and the associated lodges, which promises to be an event out of the ordinary.

The committee in charge of the program for the Easter service is making every effort to make it unusually attractive, and some fine musical selections and some very able addresses may be expected by the members of these orders who attend. The program of course will be given in the Masonic Temple.

Timely with Easter just ahead! Have you seen the wonderful display of Footwear being offered at \$2.95 to \$9.00, at D. W. Robinson's, Alma.—advertisement